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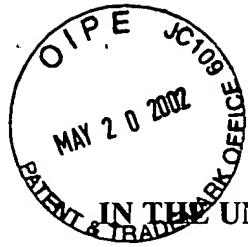
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The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation regarding the completeness of the list of references, or that inclusion of a reference in this list is an admission that it is prior art or is pertinent to this application, or that a search has been made, or as an admission that the information listed is, or may be considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists, and shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner.

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- This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application No. [APPLICATION NUMBER], filed on [FILING DATE], and the references cited therein are hereby referenced, but are not required to be provided in this application under 37 CFR § 1.98(d).
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- Applicant submits that no fee is required for the consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant wishes to bring Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications:

- 1) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/733,698 entitled "Scheduled Retrieval, Storage and Access of Media Data," filed on December 8, 2000, which is assigned to a common assignee;
- 2) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/663,296 entitled "Dynamic Graphic User Interface," filed on September 15, 2000, which is assigned to a common assignee;
- 3) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/046,933 entitled "Delivering Media Data to Portable," filed on October 26, 2001, which is assigned to a common

- assignee;
- 4) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/505,486 entitled "Audio Synthesis Using Digital Sampling of Coded Waveforms," filed on February 16, 2000, which is assigned to a common assignee; and
  - 5) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/488,047 entitled "Digital Audio and Video Playback With Performance Complement Testing," filed January 20, 2000, which is assigned to a common assignee.

Consideration of the listed references and favorable action are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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